

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting.

Representative Gosselin supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5606 before the committee.

HB 5606 Palmer Education; graduation requirements; curriculum requirements for high school graduation; prescribe.

Dr. Bill Schmidt, representing himself, testified in support of HB 5606. Questions and discussion followed.

Mark Thomas, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, testified and indicated a neutral position on HB 5606. Questions and discussion followed.

Andrea Yokick and Jay Miller, representing the Michigan School Counselors and the Michigan School Counseling Association, testified in support of HB 5606.*

Dr. Marlene Davis, representing the Wayne Regional Education Service Agency, testified in support of the concept of HB 5606.

Bill Weber, representing the South Redford School District, testified in support of the concept of HB 5606.

Due to time, the following people were not able to speak but supported HB 5606:

Rebecca Rocho, representing the Calhoun Intermediate School District,*

Dr. Koren Lee, representing the Flint Community Schools,

Paul Lichav, representing the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association,*

Monika Wierzbicki, representing the Michigan Credit Union League,

Patrick Dickson, representing himself,*
Anna Reseigh, representing herself.*

Due to time, the following people were not able to speak but opposed HB 5606:

Robert Pennock, representing the Michigan Citizens for Science,*
Spike Tyson, representing himself.

Jim Ballard, representing Secondary Principals, submitted a card and indicated a neutral position on HB 5606 and was not able to speak.

Nancy Danhop, representing the Michigan State Board of Education, submitted a card not indicating a position on HB 5606 and was not able to speak.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:53 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
February 1, 2006
2 hours 23 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.